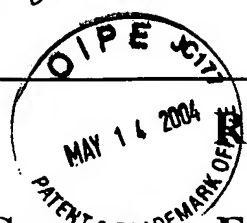


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First Named Inventor	Junichi MASUDA
Group Art Unit	1723
Examiner Name	Ernest G. THERKORN
Matter Number	Q67959
Title	MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LIQUID CHROMATOGRAPHY SEPARATION SYSTEM

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

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- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
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- b. ☐ Other _____

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated February 25, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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